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NEGOTIATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE QUESTIONS

1. ACCORDING TO AFP DESPATCH, GOF MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE
GISCARD D'ESTAING TOLD FRENCH NEWMEN AFTER HIS MAY 2 MEETING WITH
JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA THAT HE AND OHIRA AGREED:

A) THAT OPENING SESSION OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

SCHEDED

FOR TOKYO IN SEPTEMBER WILL BE LIMITED TO DEBATE ON GENERAL
PRINCIPALES; AND B) THAT ACTIVE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT

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BEGIN UNTIL AFTER THE APPROVAL IN THE US OF LEGISLATION GIVING
THE ADMINISTRATION THE
POWER TO NEGOTIATE.

2. AFP ALSO REPORTS THAT OHIRA DISCUSSED INTERNATIONAL TRADE QUESTIONS WITH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU AND FOREIGN MINISTER JOBEERT. FRENCH OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY WELCOMED OHIRA'S EXPRESSION OF THE GOJ'S DESIRE TO INCREASE TRADE BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE EC, BUT NOTED THAT EC CONTINUES TO RUN A DEFICIT IN TRADE WITH JAPAN AND THAT THE IMPASSE CONTINUES IN JAPANESE- EC NEGOTIATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT. IRWIN

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